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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 1 December 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

3 p.m.	58th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Question of Palestine [36] :

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/52/ 35);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/581);

(c) Letter from the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/52/571).

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	45th meeting	Conference Room 4

Address by the Secretary-General

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Progress report by the Coordinator on draft proposal A/C.2/ 52/L.14 (item 97 (d))

* Following the adjournment of the 45th meeting of the Second Committee.

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the following draft proposals: A/C.2/52/L.2 and L.4 (item 95 (a)); A/C.2/52/L.3 (item 95 (c)); A/C.2/52/L.5 (item 99 (a)); A/C.2/52/L.7 and L.9(item 99 (b)); A/C.2/52/L.8 (item 95 (d)); A/C.2/52/L.13 (item 96 (b)); A/C.2/52/L.16 (item 96 (a)); A/C.2/52/L.23, L.24 and L.26 (item 95 (b)); A/C.2/52/L.28 (item 12); and A/C.2/52/L.32 (item 100)

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 (A/52/6/Rev.1

(Vol.I and II), A/52/16 and Add.1, A/52/7 and Chapter II (Parts I-XII), A/C.5/51/53, A/C.5/51/57 and Add.1, A/C.5/52/15 and A/C.5/52/20))

3 p.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [135] (A/C.5/52/4 and Corr.1, A/51/976, A/52/520 and A/52/696)

   Introduction and general discussion

2. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [137] (A/C.5/52/13, A/52/30, A/52/520 and A/52/697)

   Introduction and general discussion

3. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [114]

   Strengthening of external oversight mechanisms (A/49/368 and Corr.1, A/49/471 and Corr.1, A/49/633 and A/51/674)

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.-9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 119 (Pattern of conferences (A/52/32 and Corr.1 (Chinese only) and Add.1, A/51/946 and Corr.1 (Russian only), A/52/215 and Add.1, A/52/216 and Add.1, A/52/291, A/52/340 and Add.1 and A/C.5/52/CRP.1))

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* Following the adjournment of the 34th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	234th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

PREPARATORY COMMITTEE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

10 a.m.	54th meeting	Conference Room 1

WORKING GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE

Morning*-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

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* Following the adjournment of the 54th meeting of the Preparatory Committee.

WORKING GROUP ON GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF CRIMINAL LAW

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. International Civil Service Commission (A/C.5/52/22)
2. Draft reports

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Special briefing by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General of the United Nations will address the Second Committee on the question of "The implementation of the Agenda for Development in a renewed United Nations system". The briefing will take place on Monday, 1 December 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 1 December 1997

JOINT COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES AND THE GROUP OF 77
(Reform of the United Nations)

10 a.m.-12.30 pm.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES: DRAFTING GROUP ON PREVENTIVE DIPLOMACY AND PEACE-MAKING

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE
(on the scale of assessments, the pattern of conferences and the proposed programme budget)

1.30 p.m.-3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(briefing by the Coordinators on the current resolutions under negotiation)

6 p.m.-8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Conference

A conference in support of the establishment in 1998 of an international criminal court, sponsored by the Permanent Mission of New Zealand to the United Nations, organized by No Peace Without Justice, the International Rescue Committee and the Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children, will be held on Monday, 1 December 1997, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

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Announcement

As from Tuesday, 2 December 1997, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at *1.15 p.m.* in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 2 December 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

11 a.m.	46th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	47th meeting	Conference Room 3
Afternon**	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

* Following the adjournment of the 46th meeting of the Second Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the 47th meeting of the Second Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-11 a.m.	35th meeting	Conference Room 3
11 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

Informal Consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and all its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria) on Tuesday, 2 and Thursday, 4 December 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

United Nations reform: measures and proposals (item 157)

Informal Consultations on the draft proposal under item 157 will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Legwaila Joseph Legwaila (Botswana) and H.E. Mr. John Campbell (Ireland) on Tuesday, 2 December 1997, at 3 p.m. in a conference room to be announced.

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Tuesday, 2 December 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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The Disarmament Commission will hold its 1997 organizational session (217th and 218th meetings) on Tuesday, 2 December 1997, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m in Conference Room 2.

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The Working Group on international cooperation and judicial assistance will meet on Tuesday, 2 December 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. At 3 p.m., the Working Group on general principles of criminal law will meet in Conference Room 1.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 2 December 1997, at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room B.

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The next meeting of the ad hoc informal open-ended support group to assist the Commission for Social Development in the preparations for the International Year of Older Persons will take place on Friday, 5 December 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. Delegates are invited to present information on developments at the national level in preparation for the year.

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COMMISSION ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

There will be briefing by the Chairman of the Commission for Social Development on the preparations for the next session of the Commission on Tuesday, 9 December 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 1998* on Monday, 15 December 1997, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations are invited.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Informal meeting

In the context of the Presidential Statement (S/PRST/1997/46) adopted by the Ministerial Meeting of the Security Council on Africa on 25 September 1997, and the 1 November 1995 report of the Secretary-General on Improving Preparedness for Conflict Prevention and Peacekeeping in Africa (S/1995/911-A/50/711), the Secretariat is convening a meeting on enhancing African capacity for peacekeeping. The meeting, which is open to all interested Member States and will be chaired by Mr. Bernard Miyet, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, will be held on Friday, 5 December 1997, at 3.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 26 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 48th, 49th and 50th meetings

Note: The summary of the 48th, 49th and 50th meetings of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/232).

Friday, 28 November 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

3836th meeting

The situation in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, at his request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1997/932, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The President made a statement.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1997/932).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1997/932) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1140 (1997).

3837th meeting

The question concerning Haiti

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti (S/1997/832 and Add.1)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Argentina, Canada, Haiti and Venezuela, at their request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1997/931, which had been submitted by Argentina, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, France, Portugal, the United States of America and Venezuela.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Haiti, Argentina and Canada.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1997/931) before it.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Chile, Portugal, Costa Rica, Egypt, France, Japan, Kenya, Poland, the Republic of Korea, Sweden, the Russian Federation and the United States of America, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of China.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1997/931) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1141 (1997).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE 233rd meeting

Consideration of draft resolutions on the question of Palestine

The Chairman introduced the draft resolutions covering the programme of work of the Committee, the Division for Palestinian Rights and the Department of Public Information.

The Committee approved the three draft resolutions.

The Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations introduced draft resolutions on peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine and full participation of Palestine in the work of the United Nations.

Other matters

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were also made by the representative of Egypt, the Permanent Observer of Palestine, the Chief of the Division for Palestinian Rights and the Chairman of the Committee.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Seventeenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 1997

42nd and 43rd meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 16 of the Convention [6]

The Committee began its consideration of the second periodic report of Uruguay (E/1990/6/Add.10).

In accordance with rule 62 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report submitted by their Government and replied to questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee.

The Committee continued its consideration of the third periodic report of Iraq (E/1994/104/Add.9) in closed session.

FRIDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 1997

44th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 16 of the Convention [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the second periodic report of Uruguay (E/1990/6/Add.10).

In accordance with rule 62 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and replied to questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee.

45th (closed) meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 16 of the Convention [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the second periodic report of Azerbaijan (E/1990/5/Add.30) and of the second periodic report of Uruguay (E/1990/6/Add.10) in private session.

The Committee reviewed the implementation of the Covenant in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (without report).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Tropical Timber Agreement, 1994, concluded at Geneva on 26 January 1994

Ratification: Brazil (28 November 1997)*

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction, concluded at Oslo on 18 September 1997

The Convention will be open for signature at Ottawa, Canada, by all States from 3 December 1997 until 4 December 1997, and at the United Nations Headquarters in New York thereafter until its entry into force, in accordance with its article 15.

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day of Disabled Persons

Exhibition

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in cooperation with the Department for Public Information and the Very Special Arts organization, affiliated with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (Washington, D.C.), will present an exhibition entitled "A Very Special Arts Exhibit". The exhibition will be held from 1 December 1997 to 5 January 1998 in the First Basement of the General Assembly Building (at the "Viennese Cafe"). The formal opening will take place on Monday, 1 December, from 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

Panel Discussion

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in cooperation with the Department for Public Information and the Very Special Arts organization, affiliated with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (Washington, D.C.), will hold a panel discussion on "Creating Opportunities in the Arts for People with Disabilities" on Tuesday, 2 December 1997, from 1.30 p.m. to 3 p.m in Conference Room 4. The panel, moderated by Mr. Kenneth Fries, author and educator, will be followed by a question-and-answer session. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

International Day of Disabled Persons
(3 December 1997)

The observation of the International Day of Disabled Persons will take place on Wednesday, 3 December 197, from 1 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. in the Visitors' Lobby of the General Assembly Building, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/3 of 14 October 1992. The observation will include the presentation of the message of the Secretary-General on the Day and reading of a "Proclamation" issued by the Office of the Mayor of New York City.

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in cooperation with Department of Public Information, and the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations, will host a performance of traditional Japanese drumming - *Zuiho Daiko* in the Public Lobby immediately following the presentations officially observing the Day. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Screening of films

In commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of a series of films from Monday, 1 December, to Friday, 5 December 1997 at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, at 1 p.m.

Exhibition

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian cultural exhibition entitled "At Home in Palestine," in commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibition will be displayed at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from Monday, 1 December, to Sunday, 7 December 1997.

The formal opening of the exhibition is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Monday, 1 December 1997, in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Liberia
H.E. Mr. William Bull

Asian States:
Viet Nam
H.E. Mr. Ngo Quang Xuan

Eastern European States:
Bosnia and Herzegovina
H.E. Mr. Muhamed Sacirbey

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Argentina
H.E. Mr. Fernando Enrique Petrella

Western European and Other States:
Monaco
H.E. Mr. Jacques Louis Boisson

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